

As a 20 year flight attendant, I am so against cell phone usage inflight for the following reasons:

1. people talk louder on a plane due to engine noise, and they talk louder on cell phones....combine these 2 and it will be noise overload!

2. People use cell phones on the ground and it already causes problems in doing our job: trying to hang coats and take drink orders of F.C. passengers is an etiquette disaster (do I ignore them until they hang up? Do I talk to them while they are gabbing away?) Also, getting exit row passengers to pay attention to the FAA exit briefing is hard cuz half the people are on the phone and only pay half-assed attention to you.

3. There is already a noise problem with people who play their DVD movies inflight WITHOUT HEADPHONES and other annoyed passengers are always asking us to ask them to stop. It would be the same with cell phone usage and LOUD conversations. Our job will be reduced to being a referee peace maker!